States affected by maoist Violence

*238. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Indian States getting affected due to the outbreak of Maoist violence in Nepal and the names of the districts affected by Maoist violence prevailing in these States:

(b) whether Government of India are providing any special help in order to tackle this situation prevailing in the said States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATH): (a) In view of the open border between the two countries, the spread of Maoist violence in Nepal has adverse implications, particularly in the States bordering Nepal, namely, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim.

(b) and (c) The assistance being provided by the Central Government to help these States to tackle the situation includes deployment of Sashastra Seema Ball (SSB) along Indo-Nepal border and strengthening of police infrastructure in affected States.

Construction of roads under PMGSY

*239. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMET be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment of the total lengt of roads needed to be constructed in rural areas of the country has been made by the Government under the "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana";

(b) the total length of roads, the construction work of which was completed till the end of March, 2004 under this yojana; and

(c) the length of roads at which construction work is in progress?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. According to surveys conducted by State Governments the total road length required to connect about 1.70 lakh eligible unconnected habitations is about 3.70 lakh kms.

(b) and (c) As reported by States, of the 1,01,308 kms. of roadworks Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.